

**MINUTES**  
**GRANBY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**Monday, January 13, 2014**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Present: Chairman Marty Schwager, Matt Garrett, Daniel O'Connell, Rob Rome and Ken Kuhl. Fran Armentano, Director of Community Development was also in attendance.

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, Town Managers Conference Room.

The members discussed the minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting.

On a motion by Matt Garrett, seconded by Rob Rome the Commission approved the minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting. All approved.

The Development Commission members discussed current activities. Jakes Wayback Burgers has taken out a building permit to convert the former Pampered Paws space, (10 Hartford Avenue Plaza) to the restaurant. Jake's was established in 1991 in Newark, DE. Jake's advertises that they serve hand-made burgers and real milkshakes, crafted to order, house-made potato chips, all beef hot dogs, marinated chicken sandwiches, turkey burgers, specialty sandwiches and fresh salads. They currently have locations in East Windsor, West Hartford and Torrington. The Commission members agreed that Jakes would be a positive addition to the Granby Center. The Commission was also informed of the new vegan restaurant "Sweet Beet, located at 498 Salmon Brook Street.

The Commission discussed the housing market and was updated on the Greenway Village. The members discussed the possibility of using the property at 37 Hartford Avenue for housing rather than office space. The owner continues to seek office tenants and he maintains a regular dialog with town staff. The Commission spent additional time discussing Granby Center.

The members discussed anticipated improvements to the Holcomb Farm. They viewed drawings of a new event building and discussed how it would be utilized. They all agreed that this would be a very positive addition for the Town. The members went on to discuss the possible use of a portion of the former Evonsion farm as a solar farm. They were in support of expanding solar energy throughout the town.

The Development Commission members discussed the southern area of Town, particularly the T1 zone area. They continue to discuss new housing opportunities which can take advantage of public water, sewer and natural gas. New housing within this area can be linked to new and existing business and be very attractive for new home buyers.

The meeting ended at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Armentano  
Acting Recording Secretary